

SOME WAY TO BE FOUND TO KEEP EMPLOYMENT SERVICE GOING

IT is regrettable that congress failed to continue the work of the U. S. employment service for a time, at least.

As The Herald has said before, there is some doubt of the advisability of continuing the service as a permanent institution, because of the political danger and a tremendous task, if it should be turned into politics, but at a time when soldiers are being demobilized and places are being sought for them, it was filling a need.

Not only has the service found jobs for the jobless, but it has served well in weeding out the undeserving and preventing fraud being practiced upon people and firms in need of help.

The United States employment service made a splendid record during the war. It recruited workmen wherever they were to be found and sent them where they were needed to make munitions or build ships or raise crops or do any of the multitude of other tasks that needed doing.

The employment service was a great help locally also. An employer who needed men or women, could turn to the employment service and be pretty sure that his call would be answered. People out of work turned to the employment service promptly because they were sure to be given work soon and because enrollment entailed no payment of a fee.

The service was very thoroughly organized and it functioned well. It was unique in that it enjoyed equally amiable relations with capital and with organized labor. Employers turned to its offices trustfully for labor and on the other hand the labor unions endorsed it heartily and gave it full cooperation. The employment service was one thing the government took hold of during the war and did not let go.

Great as was its aid during the war, the employment service promised to be of even greater assistance during the demobilization of the fighting millions. It made a good start at finding jobs for the discharged soldiers and sailors and then congress adjourned without making an appropriation and the whole program "blew up."

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Why A Special Session?

GOV. THOMAS E. CAMPBELL, of Arizona, hinted the other day that he might call a special session of the legislature and that if he did so, it would probably be possible to pass a substantial highway construction measure without further dabbles into politics. Many ask, "Why call another session?" Surely there was enough hickering and enough appropriating of the people's money during the session just closed. The legislature started off by talking economy and then exceeded appropriations of former years by tentatively appropriating \$5,000,000. And then it appropriated everybody by running the total up to over \$12,000,000.

Perhaps the taxpayer doesn't realize quite what that means. He will when he receives his tax statement, for the state tax rate will be jumped from 37 cents to about 60—almost doubled. And it would be more than doubled were it not for increased assessed valuations.

The legislature is not especially to be damned with faint praise. It contained a number of excellent men and it put through some most praiseworthy legislation. But if it had the idea that it is better to be constructive than picaresque in appropriations, it overplayed its hand, and if any legislators stand by when the people of the state go to pay their taxes they will hear something.

At a special session, however, the governor would have the advantage of being able to hold the legislators in check, for they could not enact legislation which he did not ask for in his call or submit later in special messages. In this measure, he might force through state highway legislation that would be of benefit to the state, by keeping the legislators exceedingly at it until they put out a measure somewhat to his liking.

The road appropriations now available, it is understood, total about \$3,000,000 and the government will match it with another \$3,000,000, making a total of \$6,000,000 for roads. If that sum is wisely spent it will enable a lot of men now unemployed to build considerable road.

Germany keeps on cajoling and threatening the allies, not yet having learned to let bad enough alone.

The president of Dartmouth says a college should encourage a spirit of altruism rather than of acquisitiveness. It sounds well but perhaps enough is being done in that direction already. With a better developed sense of acquisitiveness, college men might be more successful in getting and holding jobs.

Let Wilhelm go on sawing wood. It's the first really useful thing he ever did.

If they can really make it with 24 percent alcohol, it will be "nearest beer."

A Little Team Work, Boys

By Hal Coffman



C. R. Morehead, Pioneer, Gives His Reminiscences

Former Mayor of El Paso Tells of the Early West

TODAY The Herald begins the presentation of the personal reminiscences of Charles R. Morehead, president of the State National Bank, former mayor of El Paso, and a pioneer in the pioneer days of the southwest. Mr. Morehead came west into the then unexplored wilderness, when a very young man, and his entire life of usefulness has been spent as a westerner.

He helped to blaze the trail to Salt Lake City, for the establishment of the first Port Douglas, in Utah, and suffered severe hardships. His narrative, which will continue from day to day in The Herald, will be full of interest to all readers of this paper.

Mr. Morehead was born in Missouri and was therefore, a native of what was then called "the frontier." It was not natural of him to immediately identify himself with the west and its development.

The first installment of Mr. Morehead's narrative follows:

By C. R. MOREHEAD.

William H. Russell took the first contract let by the United States government for the transportation of all of the military units west of Fort Leavenworth, Kan. In the early part of the year 1865, he came to El Paso, Tex., and was then called "the frontier." It was not natural of him to immediately identify himself with the west and its development.

Nothing unusual happened on the trip out, except that we were "held up" by a band of Indians just after crossing the Big Blue river. They demanded some flour, sugar and coffee, which was given them, and they moved on.

Blind Abandoned Agent Indian. As we were moving up the Little Blue river, one afternoon about dusk, I was riding ahead of the train to a place where we were to camp, when suddenly my mule began to turn back. Looking ahead a short distance I saw something in the grass that looked like a wild animal. I waited awhile until the wagonmaster came up when we cautiously approached the object and found it to be an old decrepit Indian squaw, crawling around in the grass. She had been left on the river bank to die. She had some dried buffalo meat in her hand, and we found some more on the bank of the river, together with an old buffalo robe which had been left for her bed. As soon as we made camp we took her bread, bacon, cooked meat and other articles, which were all we could do for her, and for which she seemed very grateful. On our return trip we saw no signs of her. We afterward learned that it was the custom of the Indians to leave the old ones in this way when they got so old and feeble they could not travel.

We completed the corn delivery and left Fort Kearny early in December. This time we had the first snowstorm, and we encountered these

Little Interviews

Pastor Calls On All To Observe "Go To Church Sunday"

Horace B. Stevens Says Tom Powers Can Be Good Chief

NEXT Sunday is "Go to Church Sunday," said Rev. W. M. Fairley, "and every man who does in go to church regularly should ask himself, why? Most of us went regularly at one time or other, our parents and our grandparents went. The church was the chief factor in forming the constitution, sentiment and ideal of the republic. The church and the Bible are really the heart of our body politic that keeps the rich blood flowing through its veins and keeps start at finding jobs for the discharged soldiers and sailors and then congress adjourned without making an appropriation and the whole program "blew up."

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